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Letter dated 13 January 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia concerning the incident on the Yugoslav-Albanian border on 10 January 1994 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Maintenance of international security", and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
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ANNEX

Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia concerning the incident on the Yugoslav-Albanian border on 10 January 1994

The Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs expresses its most serious concern over the escalation of border incidents on the Yugoslav-Albanian border and the continued intensification of provocations by the Albanian side in which the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is violated. We wish to bring to the attention of the Yugoslav, Albanian and international public that the latest tragic incident in the area of the "Morina" border post of 10 January, in which an Albanian citizen was killed deep in the Yugoslav territory, unfortunately confirms our previous assessments.

In order to accomplish its greater-Albania territorial aspirations at the expense of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the Albanian leadership deliberately encourages illegal crossings of the Yugoslav-Albanian border, in wanton disregard for the lives of its own citizens.

Continued provocations of border incidents confirm that the policy of the Albanian Government is aimed at making irrelevant its international border with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, accomplishing its greater-Albania aspirations and arousing tensions in, and destabilization of, the Balkans at large.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia expresses once again its readiness to develop good-neighbourly relations with Albania, as well as its firm determination resolutely to protect its sovereignty and territorial integrity.